HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.5120 of 2007

Dated:06.08.2007

Between:

Guntipalli Narasimulu and others.

…Petitioners.

and

The District Registrar of Assurances, Warangal and another.

…Respondents.

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ORDER:

The petitioners claim to have purchased an extent of one acre of land in survey No.832 of Nagapuri Village, Cherial Mandal, Warangal District, from certain persons. They presented the document, dated 12.01.2007, for registration, before the 2nd respondent. The latter kept the document pending and addressed a letter, dated 14.02.2007, to the petitioners, stating that according to his information, the land in survey No.832 belongs to Endowments Department and that till any orders are received by him, resolving the dispute, the document would not be registered. The petitioners challenge the action of the 2nd respondent.

Heard learned Counsel for the petitioners and learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

The impugned letter was addressed, to the petitioners, at a time when Section 22-A of the Registration Act (for short 'the Act'), has

been set aside by this Court. In the recent past, the Andhra Pradesh State Legislature added Section 22-A of the Act with a different content, through Act 9 of 2007. According to this, the registering authority may refuse to register the transactions relating to the lands belonging to religious institutions and endowments also. Therefore, instead of keeping the document pending, the 2nd respondent has to take a definite view, in the light of newly amended Section 22-A of the Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the 2nd respondent to pass a specific order as to the registerability of the document, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

Dt.06.08.2007 **L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J**

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